

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/018,620  
AMENDMENT E

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**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration of the Final Office Action dated December 13, 2005, is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants are pleased to see that the Examiner already indicated that Claims 53-70 are allowed.

Claims 28, 32, 34-47, and 49-52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form to include the limitations of base claim 27 and any intervening claims.

In response, since the combination of claims 27 and 28 would be redundant in scope with claim 53, applicants simply cancel claims 27-45, and amend claims 46, 47 and 49 to 52 to ultimately depend from allowed claim 53, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants make one more amendment to the title and claims – namely, as set forth in paragraph [0005], the game is not limited to ice hockey, and could be e.g., roller hockey, and further the general reference to "hockey" throughout the specification. Thus, Applicants delete the term "ice" from the title and claims. It is respectfully submitted that the person of ordinary skill, reading the present specification, would not consider the present claims to be limited to ice hockey.

**Office Action**

Turning now to the Office Action in greater detail

**Paragraphs 2-5: Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

The Examiner continues his rejection of Claims 27 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gronroos WO '950 in view of Belleisle '304, Cuneo '000, and Stephenson '237.

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In response, applicant cancels Claims 27-45, and amends claims 46, 47 and 49 to 52 to ultimately depend from allowed claim 53, thereby rendering the rejection moot and placing the application in condition for allowance.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

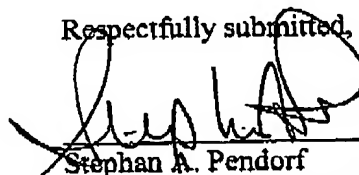
The Examiner indicated that Claims 53-70 are allowed.

Applicants are pleased with the indication, and submit that now claims 46, 47 and 49-70 are in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully submitted.

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Respectfully submitted,



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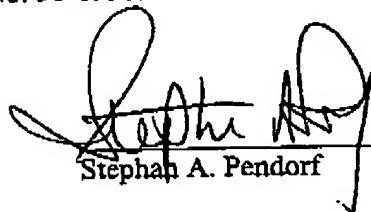
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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing AMENDMENT E for U.S. Application No. 10/018,620 filed April 12, 2002 is being deposited in via facsimile to 571.273.8300, United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 13, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

  
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